

16W668 Marybeth Court
Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527
January 30, 2012

Dear Members of the House of Representatives:

Re: HR 3475, Keeping IDs Safe Act of 2011

HR 3482 To prevent identity theft and tax crimes.

HR 3215 To prevent identity theft and tax fraud

I am writing to ask that you do not eliminate or curtail the use of the Social Security Death Index through the internet. I understand that some people feel that having this information available to the public invites identity theft.

Most Social Security numbers get into the possession of the wrong person due to computer breaches into government and/or corporate databases.

Having the SSDI on line, allows companies identify Social Security numbers that belonged to individuals who are now deceased, such as insurance companies, stores, and medical researchers.

Over 9 million U.S. citizens are actively engaged in researching their family history as a hobby and others as a profession. The SSDI is a rich source of information for these individuals. Unhappy genealogists will remember this at election time.

Yours truly,

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